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IN VIEW CONFLICT REPORTED REFTELS BETWEEN ICC AND QUINIM INTERPRETATIONS RE FINAL DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL FOREIGN FORCES, WE HAVE AGAIN CONSULTED INDIAN ICC CHAIRMAN AVTAR SINGH. SINGH STATED THREE COMMISSIONERS WERE AGREED TERMINAL DATE WAS "BY, UP TO, AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 7" AND HAD RECENTLY SO INFORMED QUINIM. FOREIGN MINISTER AT FIRST SAID HE THOUGHT "BY SEVENTH" MEANT "BEFORE SEVENTH" BUT IN THE END ACCEPTED ICC VIEW. SINGH SAID THIS MEANS WITHDRAWAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 7.

IN ORDER AVOID ANY POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY FROM ANY QUARTER, I BELIEVE THAT ALL AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE OUT OF LAOS BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 6, THUS MEETING BOTH QUINIM'S EARLIER POSITION AND PREVAILING ONE OF ICC.

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